Attachment C: Safe Routes to School Programs Comparison

| | State SR2S Program | Federal SRTS Program | MTC SR2S Program |
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| Eligible Applicants | Cities and counties | State, local, and regional agencies experienced in meeting federal transportation requirements. Non profit organizations, school districts, public health departments, and Native American Tribes must partner with a city, county, MPO, or RTPA to serve as the responsible agency for their project. | State, local, and regional agencies experienced in meeting federal transportation requirements. Non profit organizations, school districts, public health departments, and Native American Tribes must partner with a federally eligible recipient for their project. |
| Program Purpose | Reduce injuries and fatalities to school children and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students. | Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. | Build upon SR2S efforts funded by federal, state, and locally funded programs CMAQ Program objectives also need to be met: reduce criteria pollutants while reducing congestion Each county will collaboratively tailor the objective of this program led by the congestion management agencies. |
| Eligible Projects (See Table 2 for details) | Infrastructure projects Must be located in the vicinity of a school. Incidental "soft" costs (i.e. education, outreach) are permitted up to 10% | Stand-alone infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects (10-30% of program). Infrastructure projects must be within 2 miles of a grade school or middle school | Infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects (Focus on non-infrastructure- For discussion) |
| Local Match | 10% | None | 11.47% |
| Targeted Beneficiaries | Children in grades K-12 | Children in grades K-8 | Children in grades K-12 |
| Funding | \$24 million per year in CA | \$20 million per year in CA (future levels subject to federal reauthorization) | \$5 million per year available for Region in Cycle 1, or \$15 million total; \$2 million available for innovative approaches |
| Distribution formula | Competitive | Competitive | Distribution to counties based on total school enrollment in counties, except for the innovative approaches component which is regionally competitive. |